

Merits of Placing Civil Defense Under National Guard Questioned

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In January, 1961, when the Legislature went into session, I had conferences with Governor Edmund G. Brown and Major General Roderick Hill, California National Guard, who is the Adjutant General of California and chief of staff to the governor for military affairs.

I pointed out to them that when the National Guard of California is called into federal service it can be sent to foreign countries, as happened in World War I, World War II, and the Korean Action, leaving no effective troops for the defense of California.

We agreed that there is a National Guard Reserve on paper, but only a very few officers and enlisted men are assigned to it, and there is no definite law for building up the strength of the National Guard Reserve when the National Guard itself is called into federal service, especially when sent to overseas duty.

BOTH GOVERNOR Brown and General Hill agreed that this is a problem which we should attempt to solve before a national emergency occurs and both of them said that something should be done. However, Governor Brown said that he wanted the 1961 budget to be in balance and that he feared that any well organized National Guard Reserve would cost so much money that it could throw out of balance the 1961 budget. Nevertheless, Governor Brown told me to have legislation drafted, submit it to General Hill and see what we could do about it.

The Legislative Counsel, at my request, had his staff study the laws of other large states which have an organized National Guard Reserve, especially New York State, and prepared a tentative bill which could be introduced and enacted into law, although it

would not be effective without placing enough money in the budget, and none of us knew how much would be required.

I SENT the proposed bill drafted by the Legislative Counsel to General Hill, discussed it on the telephone with General Hill, and with Brigadier General Carl H. Aulick, deputy adjutant general, but that is the last I heard of my plan, probably because there was no popular demand for it. President John Kennedy recently said that Civil Defense should be placed under the National Guard. Although he did not elaborate on the idea, I assume that he meant that it would be handled by an organized National Guard Reserve if and when the National Guard is called into federal service, and especially if it is sent overseas.

THE GALLUP POLL recently said the following question had been asked by the Gallup Poll takers:

"Some people have suggested that the National Guard take charge of the defense of civilians instead of a separate civil defense unit as at present. Do you think this would be a good idea or a poor idea?"

The Gallup Poll then reported that 49 per cent thought it a good idea, 26 per cent thought it a poor idea, and 25 per cent had no opinion. Sentiment in favor of the National Guard handling civil defense was strongest in the West, where people are not satisfied with the present Civil Defense organization. In the West, 56 per cent thought it a good idea, 24 per cent thought it a poor idea, and 20 per cent had no opinion.

THE GALLUP POLL reported that typical comments included: "We don't take enough interest"; "People aren't co-operating with the authorities"; "Half the people

don't realize the seriousness"; and "Why bother, we'll be wiped out anyway?"

Although I have not discussed this subject previously in my regular weekly Sacramento report, or in any press releases, the people with whom I visit reflect the findings of the Gallup Poll. Many of them do not know that in this state civil defense is under the California State Disaster Council.

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fice for the southern area is at 2120 E. Walnut St., Pasadena. If you have any questions, write to them and they will be glad to send you literature about their program. They are only too happy to find someone interested in Civil defense.

Under my tentative plan, the civil defense of California would be assigned to the California National Guard Reserve, which would be re-organized to have both male and female officers and enlisted men. The men should be both those who

have had military and naval service and civilians recruited and trained for the program, but these should not be men subject to a draft or to recall to active duty with the armed forces.

ON THE other hand, they should not be so physically handicapped that they cannot perform active duty in California.

If enough people are interested, we may be able to persuade the governor to support legislation and appropriations to accomplish this mission during the 1962 budget session. Please write to me at Post Office Box 777, Inglewood 5, and give me your ideas.

Work on Major Intersection To Start Soon

Supervisor Burton W. Chace reported that construction work at the intersection of Crenshaw and Lomita Blvds. will begin during this week.

The project will consist of reconstructing the shoulders on Crenshaw at this intersection, thus providing better drainage at the intersection.

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traffic count indicating nearly 17,000 vehicles travel through this intersection daily.

"Motorists are advised to use caution when driving through the construction area," Supervisor Chace warned.

Young GOPers Planning Picnic

South Bay Young Republican Club will hold its annual family picnic at Walteria Park Sunday beginning at 11 a.m., according to co-chairmen Viv Swain and Don Melig.

Games and beverages will be provided for \$1 a couple or \$1.50 per family, the chairmen said. Prizes will be offered for participants in the various games.

"Bring your own picnic basket," the chairmen said. "With food."

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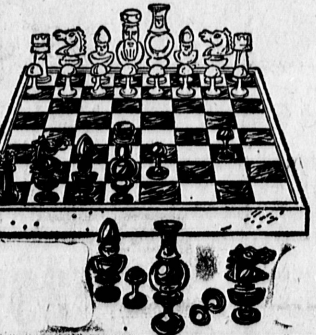


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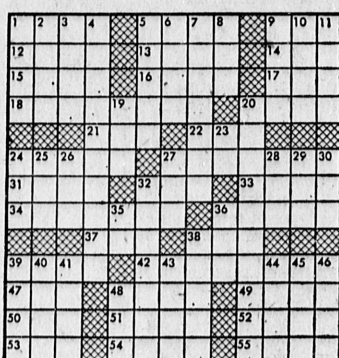
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- Old pronoun
- Article of furniture
- Toward the sheltered side
- Told
- The kava
- Unit of Portuguese currency
- Thus
- Openwork fabric
- Comprehensive view
- Site of Taj Mahal
- Parcel of land
- Long, slender fish
- For whom Wednesday was named
- Abode
- Mine entrance
- Underworld god
- Wife of Geraint
- Inhabitant
- Emblem
- Simpleton
- Title of respect
- Club of beasts
- Thrash
- Be mistaken
- Tissue
- Girl's name
- Scold
- High cards
- Night before
- One, no matter which
- A state
- Withered

DOWN

- Check
- Run
- Handle
- Damage
- Occupies
- The self
- Loud noise
- Without end
- Facts
- King
- Arthur's lance
- That which remains unpaid (pl.)
- Symbol for silver
- Small lump
- Poem
- Metal
- Noise
- Conjunction
- Excavate
- Dutch town
- Deviate
- Music: B-flat
- Baby's napkin
- Appellation
- Shatter
- River in Siberia
- Otherwise
- Country of Asia
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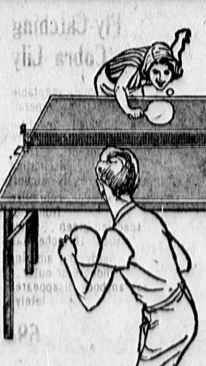


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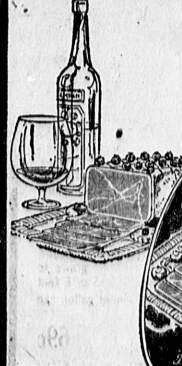


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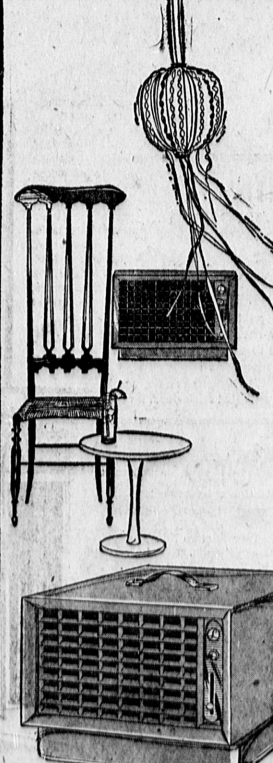


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